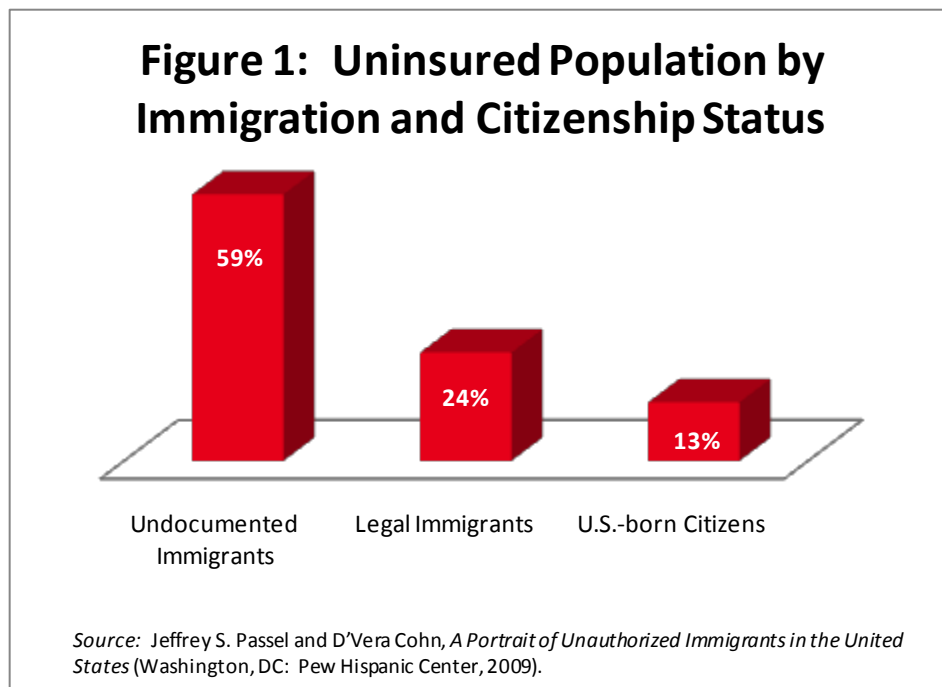


Immigrants and Health Coverage: By the Numbers

Immigrants are substantially more likely than U.S. citizens to lack health insurance coverage.

- Among adults, about three-fifths (59%) of undocumented immigrants and one-quarter (24%) of legal immigrants are uninsured. In contrast, 13% of U.S.-born citizens do not have health insurance (see Figure 1).¹
- Children in immigrant families—including citizen children as well as immigrant children—are more likely than children in citizen families to be uninsured. Among children of the undocumented, nearly half (45%) of all undocumented children were uninsured and one-quarter (25%) of citizen children have no insurance coverage.²
- Researchers estimate that undocumented immigrants and their children make up about one in six (17%) uninsured people in the U.S.³



¹ Jeffrey S. Passel and D’Vera Cohn, *A Portrait of Unauthorized Immigrants in the United States* (Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center, 2009).

² Ibid..

³ Ibid.